

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Upon entry of this amendment claims 16-17 and 21-22 will now be active in this application.

The claimed invention is directed to compositions containing specific sesquiterpene alcohols prepared from alcohol compositions which have an odor below a detectable threshold.

Applicant wishes to thank examiner Channavajjala for the helpful and courteous discussion held with their U.S. representative on October 4, 2005. At that time applicant's U.S. representative argued that the claims are directed to compositions comprising certain sesquiterpene alcohols, the purity of which is sufficient that the composition of sesquiterpene alcohol has an odor below a detectable threshold (in the words, causing no notice of preference).

Aroma therapy has been reported as useful for adjusting parasympathetic nervous system and sympathetic nervous systems. Compositions based on active agents containing low-boiling impurities components can impart strong fragrance characteristics which can reduce the effectiveness of the therapy. It is noted on page 6 of the specification that cedrol of low purity is affected by fragrance components which make obtaining a crystalline form and ease of handling difficult. Accordingly, compositions which may provide more effective autonomic nerve regulating activity are sought.

The claimed invention addresses this problem by providing compositions of a sesquiterpene alcohol selected from the group consisting of cedrol and globulol and a mixture thereof, prepared from **sesquiterpene alcohol compositions** having an odor below a detectable threshold. Applicant has discovered that by using **sesquiterpene alcohol compositions** which has an odor below a detectable threshold, that low boiling compounds which impart an undesirable odor are reduced, improving the effectiveness of autonomic

nervous regulation. Compositions prepared from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions having an odor below a detectable threshold are nowhere disclosed or suggested in the relied upon references.

The rejection of claims 16-18 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takigawa et al. U.S. 5,302,522 is respectfully traversed.

Takigawa et al. describes a method for producing *sec*-cedrenol and cedrenone from  $\alpha$ -cedrene produced by *Rhodococcus*. There is no disclosure of cedrol or globulol.

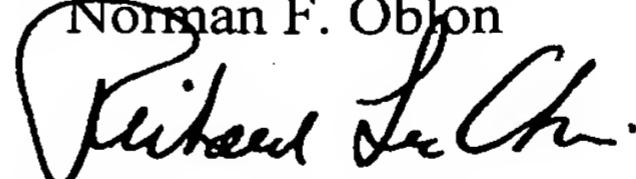
In contrast, the present invention is directed to a composition which contains a sesquiterpene alcohol selected from the group consisting of cedrol and/or globulol prepared from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions which have an odor below a detectable threshold. Applicant notes, the claims have been amended to recite only cedrol and/or globulol, the compositions being prepared from sesquiterpene alcohol compositions having an odor below a detectable threshold. As the cited reference fails to disclose or suggest cedrol or globulol, the present invention is clearly neither anticipated nor obvious from this reference and accordingly withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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